

HUNS VAINLY SEEK TO TRAP AMERICAN FORCES BY RUSES

Raiding Party Within Teuton Lines Returns To Find Entanglements Have Been Electrified But Hide and Escape

ROCKET SIGNALS ARE VAINLY TRIED BY ENEMY

Raiders From Above Make Target of Hospital Without Success and Establishment Will Be Moved To Position Farther Back

AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, February 18—(Associated Press)—While there has been little activity along the sector held by the Americans during the past forty-eight hours, the Germans have been busy carrying out another air raid against the American field hospital and attempting in various ways to trap the Americans. In two attacks carried out, the ingenuity of the Hun was met and defeated by the quick thinking of the Yankee.

An American patrol came close to falling into one of the traps carefully set. This patrol crept out from the American lines and crossed No Man's Land to the German entanglements. Hearing no sounds from the German trenches, the boys in khaki worried their way through the entanglements and explored a portion of the German line, moving carefully. They encountered no Germans.

WIRES ELECTRIFIED

When starting to return, however, it was discovered that the Germans had turned a strong current of electricity into their front wires, making an attempt to get through these impossible. The Americans, realizing their predicament, dug themselves in in the midst of the wires and concealed themselves while strong German forces moved up into the front trench in search of them. After numerous star shells had been sent up and the ground carefully scanned, the Germans gave up the search and again abandoned their trench, turning off the electric current. The Americans returned in safety.

Another German trick was carried through with the expectation of creating confusion in the American trenches and causing a waste of munitions. The Germans have learned, it was apparent, the significance of the American rocket signals. On Sunday morning, before daylight, rockets soared up from the German lines giving the American signal for a gas attack, these being followed by a second series of rockets calling upon the American batteries for a barrage fire.

USE DETECTED

An American observation officer, noting the source of these false American signals, grasped the intent of the Germans and quickly notified the batteries and the trench commanders to pay no attention to the rockets.

A squadron of German planes, flying high, crossed over the American lines yesterday and carried out a bombing raid against an American field hospital, which had previously been attacked despite its prominently displayed Red Cross. Many patients were in the hospital and for some time these were endangered by the exploding bombs, none of which, however, found its target.

As yesterday's raid was only one of a series, it has been decided to change the location of the hospital, placing it where it will be less readily found by the German airmen.

CLOSE SUB-STATIONS

LONDON, February 18—(Associated Press)—The postoffice authorities have decided to close a large number of substation postoffices as a measure of economy. The scheme will take effect gradually, so as to cause as little inconvenience as possible to the public.

Memorable Field of Battle Held by American Men

Share Honors With French Who Say Only Fault Is Their Eagerness To Fight

FRANCE, February 18—(Associated Press)—One of the most celebrated battlefields of the great war, American troops are now cooperating with their French comrades in occupying the front line trenches, it was announced for publication yesterday. The Americans are fighting on ground that has witnessed a titanic struggle and which has been soaked with the blood of thousands of German attackers and French defenders.

A high French officer, discussing the coming of the American troops to this sector, told the correspondent of the Associated Press that the only fault that could be found with the Americans is that they are too eager to be engaged in a battle.

LEAVE CENTER FOR AMERICANS OPENED

First of Several Is Established At Aix-les-Bains and Train-load Arrives There

AIX-LES-BAINS, February 18—(Associated Press)—With the arrival here Saturday of a trainload of United States soldiers on furlough came the opening of the first of several American "leave centers" in France. The civil authorities warmly welcomed the new arrivals and the citizens are extending their hospitality to their latest Allies in the field.

Plans of the American government are said to contemplate the establishment of a number of these centers where the furloughed men can have a supervision over them not otherwise obtainable were they permitted to go to Paris and other large cities. It appears to be the plan to keep in closer touch with men on furlough than has been done by Great Britain. For the carrying out of this purpose authority to act in many instances has been granted to United States officials and they will have the cooperation of the civilian authorities of the various centers.

PROFITTEERING IN HOLLAND CHECKED

Netherlands Government Makes Many Seizures of Goods and Rules Work Well

AMSTERDAM, February 17—(Associated Press)—The day of the war profiteer in Holland will soon be over if the measures taken by the authorities to suppress clandestine trading continue to prove as effective as they have done hitherto. Not a day passes without the authorities seizing large quantities of foodstuffs and articles of prime necessity which have been withheld from the open market and are seized under powers recently conferred upon the police. These goods, which are discovered in all sorts of queer hiding places were of course held for higher prices, but they are now placed on the free market and can fetch no more than the maximum price fixed by the authorities.

R Rotterdam statistics show that in that city alone in one month 280 seizures were made, the biggest item being cocoa. The list includes many tons of coffee, tea, soap, margarine, condensed milk, candies, oil, potato flour and a multitude of other commodities. A peculiar seizure was that of 5000 nickel five-cent pieces in which the Germans have evince a great interest, probably with the idea that "every little helps."

Big profits have however, already been obtained by "chain traders," "cornerers" and traffickers of that ilk. Since the beginning of the war the number of incomes of over \$10,000 a year has more than doubled and all the way down to income of \$3000 a year the increases have been more than twenty five percent.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE PART OF POLICY OF CANADA

OTTAWA, February 15—(Associated Press)—The extension of the franchise to Canadian women is now a part of the Canadian government's established policy, it was announced today. It is stated that female suffrage will be favored by the government at the next elections.

A FORTY YEARS' TEST

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been curing coughs and colds for the past forty years and has gained in popularity every year. What better recommendation is required? For sale by all dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.—Adv.

GERMAN SOLDIERS MUTINY IS REPORT OF MOSCOW

Men Said To Have Refused To Leave Trenches and Defeated Forces Sent To Punish: Much Like Account of Former Affairs

NEW YORK, February 18—(Associated Press)—Reports of a mutiny of German soldiers reached here yesterday from Moscow by way of Petrograd. It is possible this may be a new revolt on the part of forces on the Russian front or it may be that it is merely a repetition of a wireless message which was sent out from Petrograd more than six weeks ago, on January 5.

Moscow despatches said the German soldiers at Grodno and Koyno refused to obey the command to leave the Russian Front and proceed to the Western Front where they were wanted to fight against the French. They are reported to have entrenched themselves and with their own artillery to have defeated loyal German forces which were sent to punish them.

This report bears many points of similarity to the one which emanated from Petrograd previously and it has been suggested that it may refer to the same incident.

On the other hand it is pointed out this may be an entirely new revolt occurring much as did the former one and point to a breaking down of the morale of the German forces who were left on the Russian Front upon the inauguration of the armistice and have remained there since.

TEUTON AIR FLEET ONCE MORE RAIDS

Enemy Planes Invaded England Last Night: Saturday Night Casualties Few

LONDON, February 17—(Associated Press)—Enemy airplane fleets are tonight conducting another raid upon England. Notification of the arrival of the coast of hostile planes was sent here from several coast points and from further in as the fleet advanced and informed the city the enemy was proceeding in that direction.

Dover and Dunkirk as well as London were attacked by Hun raiders on Saturday night but the raid as a whole was one of the least successful of all those conducted by the Teutons, the war department stated today.

Only one of the invading craft was able to penetrate the air defenses here. It dropped several bombs and the casualties are reported as four. At Dover the attempted raid was successfully repelled.

It is reported that one of the raiding machines crashed into the sea in seeking to avoid the fire of the air defense guns.

RAIDING CONTINUES ON WESTERN FRONT

Berlin Tells of Small Infantry Engagements

NEW YORK, February 18—(Associated Press)—Minor activity on the Western Front is shown by the reports received last night. Heavy artillery fire continued on a number of sectors and there were several raids and skirmishes.

In its official report last night the German war department claimed the repulse of a number of raids and the taking of a number of prisoners.

The raids reported in the German official communiqué were on the Cherilly, Marconing and Arras fronts and were described as "small infantry engagements."

PLANTERS TO BUILD PHILIPPINE MILL

Hawaiian Association Acts On Favorable Report of Returned Committee In Project

Hawaiian sugar planters are to invest a half million dollars in a central sugar mill in the Philippines. The announcement was made yesterday by E. D. Tenney, president of the planters' association and confirms the proposition that has prevailed since the return of the committee which went to the Philippines to investigate the sugar industry and the possibilities offered for a proposed investment. The remarks of members of the committee as published in The Advertiser the day following their return, the reports published in Philippine newspapers and magazines, have clearly indicated this and it has been known the committee brought its report back with it and this has been in the hands of directors of the planters' association for some time.

In announcing the decision of the directors Mr. Tenney said it had not been definitely determined where the factory will be located but the company will soon be incorporated in the Philippines. The money will be raised through an assessment of ten cents a ton each month on the output of the plantations which are members of the association. The amount is to be determined upon the average output per month as deducted from the figures as compiled by compilation of 1915 and 1916 reports.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE ASSUMES IMPORTANT NEW POSITION

LONDON, February 18—(Associated Press)—Lord Northcliffe decided yesterday to accept new and highly important work which he has been asked to assume and agreed to accept the directorship of the bureau of propaganda with enemy countries.

In assuming this work Lord Northcliffe announced that it would not mean his retirement from the American mission for Great Britain which he leads at home with his office here but would be taken up in addition to that work.

In offering the office to Lord Northcliffe the government asked him to remain in his former post and expressed its recognition of and thanks for the splendid service which he has performed in that capacity.

CONGRESS HAS BUSY WEEK AHEAD "War Corporation Finance" Bill Is Up

WASHINGTON, February 18—(Associated Press)—Three important measures will be before congress for consideration this week. These are the administration's railroad legislation, McAdoo's "War Finance Corporation" bill and the urgent deficiency bill. The latter measure is being given the right of way over all other legislation.

Relative to the War Finance Corporation bill and the importance which it attaches to it Secretary of Treasury McAdoo has authorized the following statement:

The proposed act to incorporate a war finance corporation should be regarded primarily as a measure to enable the banks, both national banks and State banks and trust companies, to continue to furnish essential credits for industrial and commercial purposes which are necessary or contributory to the prosecution of the war.

The government's borrowing, particularly during the period immediately preceding and following each Liberty Loan, have tended to prompt the credit facilities of the banks and often to prevent them from giving needed and customary help to quasi-public and private enterprises.

Many instances have been brought to the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury and of the Federal Reserve Board where railroads, public utilities, power plants, have been prevented from obtaining the necessary advances to enable them to perform vital service in connection with the war, because the bank credits, ordinarily available to them, are being absorbed by the government itself.

In Europe central banks are permitted to grant to banks and bankers loans upon stocks and bonds upon certain well-defined terms. The Federal Reserve act does not provide for these, and the War Finance Corporation is designed to fill this gap as a war emergency. The provisions of the Federal Reserve law which permit member banks to rediscount and purchase paper secured by the government's obligations and commercial paper have had the effect of driving the banks to discriminate against loans on ineligible paper even where such loans were vitally necessary for war purposes. Designated to Afford Relief

It is believed that the proposed bill has been wisely and conservatively conceived as a war measure to give relief from this condition during the period of the war. The banks of the country would, with the utmost care both the loans themselves and the security therefor, and would exercise their individual judgment upon the borrower's credit before assuming a liability for the amount of the loan, and also because they would be under the necessity of advancing out of their own resources, twenty-five percent of the amount.

The bill would authorize advances to a bank of only twenty-five percent of the amount loaned by the bank to a war industry. Influence on Credit

It is confidently believed that the mere existence of the machinery which this act would establish would of itself maintain confidence to such an extent that the aid of the corporation would only in relatively few cases be called for, and that the banks would

PEARL HARBOR DRYDOCK IS BEING COMPLETED

The great drydock at the Pearl Harbor Naval Station is more rapidly approaching completion than was anticipated by the navy officials and the dock contractors, and while June or July was set for the work to be finished it is believed the dock will be in readiness for its tests within two months. The final great concrete block is being placed, after which the caisson gates will be fitted and the water pumped out.

S. E. Hinder, head of the San Francisco Bridge and Dock Company, which has the contract and with which the Hawaiian Dredging Company has been affiliated in the work of preparing Pearl Harbor for naval purposes, was here last week and inspected the work and left for the Coast satisfied with the progress.

FEDERAL SURVEY OF SCHOOLS WILL COME

In accordance with action taken by the 1917 legislature by which an appropriation was made, a federal school survey is to be made, according to an announcement made yesterday by Superintendent of Public Instruction Kinney and the Governor.

The appropriation of the legislature for the work became available on January 1 and recently letters were sent from the Governor and Mr. Kinney to Dr. P. P. Claxton, federal commissioner of education, inviting him to make the survey. The project was suggested by the College Club during the session of the legislature.

RUMANIA IS READY TO ENTER ON PEACE NEGOTIATIONS NOW

Labor Leaders Say War Is For Working Man

Urge All Workers To Carry Recognition With Them Each Day Going To Tasks

WASHINGTON, February 18—(Associated Press)—Complete endorsement of the war aims of the United States as expressed by President Wilson was voted at a session of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor held yesterday.

The resolutions passed by the council declare it is recognized that the war against Prussianism is a working man's war. The peace parleys held between Russia and Germany have shown the futility of the labor element seeking to enter negotiations with the Prussian military, the revolution continues.

"This country has a gigantic struggle ahead of it and it must be the part of all workers to soberly face the great importance of their duties and to carry that recognition with them into their daily work," it is advised.

FOUR NAMES ADDED TO KNOWN VICTIMS

List of Twenty-seven Received By War Department Gives Only Four Unlisted

WASHINGTON, February 18—(Associated Press)—Four more names were added to the list of known dead from the Tuscumia when a list of twenty-seven recognized dead was received by the war department yesterday. Of the twenty-seven names twenty-three were included in the list already compiled here. None of the names were of Hawaiians.

As recognition from clothing articles on the person, seat, marks and thumb prints goes on the list of known dead grows and becomes more definite and comprehensive. It is now believed that the identity of nearly all will be obtained in the near future.

NATIONAL AIRS SUNG AS SHIP SETTLED

LONDON, February 17—Sergeant E. O. Dubouque and Sergeant Muller, both of Brooklyn, were rescued from a raft by a coasting schooner.

The sergeants said that the Tuscumia took a tremendous list to starboard almost as soon as she was hit. Almost all the lifeboats on that side were either blown into the air or otherwise rendered useless.

The soldiers were immediately lined up, and while standing at attention one man began to sing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and "The Star-Spangled Banner." The crew which lined up on the opposite side sang "God Save the King."

Sergeant Dubouque said the boat to which he had been assigned was shattered by the explosion. He clambered over the portside the boat was hit and was placed in a boat with ten or twelve other men.

When they had been lowered about half way down the ropes became disarranged. They were all thrown into the water. There was a rather heavy sea, but the sergeant was able to swim to the stern of the liner, and climbed on a raft. There he found Sergeant Muller.

Sergeant Dubouque said he saw many men in the sea. Collapsible rafts were thrown over to enable those who were struggling in the water to save themselves. Some of these rafts struck loaded boats. The sergeant said he believed quite a number must have been killed in this way.

KEAUHOU ARRIVES IN MANILA CABLES CAPT. WARREN PURDY

Capt. Warren Purdy, who left here in command of the former Inter-Island steamer Kauhau when she departed for Manila, wired his father, Major Purdy, yesterday that he had made a safe voyage.

No mention was made in the message of the Neos, another former Inter-Island steamer, which sailed from here for Manila at the same time as did the Kauhau.

Both these steamers have been sold to a Manila firm and are to be used in the copra trade of the Philippine Islands.

Captain Purdy is an island boy who has had a rapid rise in the seafaring profession. When he left here he was undesignated as to what he would do after reaching Manila, but he may secure command of one of the former German vessels there for the voyage to the United States.

Asks Assurance Sovereignty Will Not Be Assailed and Right To Settle Governmental Affairs For Heed

WILLING TO TURN OVER DOBRUDJA TO BULGARIA

In Return Asks Support of Central Powers in Bessarabia; Receives Ultimatum From Petrograd Bolsheviks

NEW YORK, February 18—(Associated Press)—Providing Rumania is given certain assurances which she asks that country is ready and willing to enter upon negotiations for peace. The terms of her request are told in a despatch from Vienna received in Amsterdam yesterday.

Before entering upon peace negotiations Rumania asks the assurance that her sovereignty shall not be assailed and that she shall be left alone to solve for herself all problems relating to her dynasty and form of government.

WILLING TO CEDE

Cession of Dobrudja, as has already been proposed in advance of opening of actual negotiations, Rumania is willing to grant provided she shall be granted the support of the Central Powers in all questions relating to Bessarabia. Under such an agreement Dobrudja would go to Bulgaria which is a proposal made several days ago by the Central Powers at the time Rumania was invited to open negotiations.

RECEIVES ULTIMATUM

Widening of the breach between Rumania and Russia was made further apparent yesterday when an ultimatum was issued by the Bolshevik government at Petrograd. This ultimatum demanded the immediate evacuation of Bessarabia by Rumanian troops that are opposed to the Russian revolutionists. Right to transport Russian troops across Rumanian territory is also demanded as is the extradition of General Sterbatcheff, Russian commander of the forces of that country in Rumania.

NEEDS SUPPORT

It is believed here that the ultimatum from Petrograd has hastened the willingness of Russia to enter into peace parley. Cut off as she is by the treaty between the Central Powers and the Ukraine, she is without a source of food supply and the breach in negotiations between the Central Powers and Petrograd offers a strong chance of Rumania securing the support demanded in Bessarabia in return for the cession of Dobrudja. At war with Germany and Austria her resistance to the demands of Russia would be minimized while with the support of those powers she is in a position to defy the Bolsheviks.

SAN FRANCISCO GOES IN FOR FOOD CONSERVATION

SAN FRANCISCO, California, February 6—(Associated Press)—This city has turned farmer and its boss overseer is Chief of Police D. A. White. It is a "help carry on the war" movement. Vegetables and Belgian hare will be the specialties on which the city will specialize. Large plots of vacant land adjoining two of the police stations have been laid out and the work already is in progress.

Policemen, city officials and neighborhood citizens are the volunteer cultivators. The same plan was carried on in a similar but smaller scale last year and was found to be most profitable. Among other things, the city prison was kept supplied with potatoes for five months. A big crop of beans already is in sight.

RAILROAD MEN TO MAKE TOUR OF WESTERN FRONT

LONDON, February 18—(Associated Press)—An official invitation has been extended to the National Union of Railwaymen to send 350 members of that organization to make a tour of the western front. The men selected will be representative workmen from all classes of the organization. It is understood the railwaymen's visit will be followed by visits from men of the other great labor unions.

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